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Asheville, North Carolina
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8, 18, 26 and 36 to read as
follows:

8. (Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the at
least one ginning process parameter measurement instrument
measures one or more of critical temperatures, process
throughput, number and type of seed cotton cleaners, number and
type of lint cleaners, seed cotton moisture content, and lint
moisture content.